



Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

Mud Lake Soil And Water Conservation District

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Counties Served Jefferson

Legislative District(s) 35

Function or Conservation District Mission

The Mud Lake SWCD is dedicated to promoting good sound conservation and coordinates technical, financial, and educational assistance for responsible management that conserves and improves soil, water, and other natural resources on the land.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- Windbreak plantings were installed to provide wind protection and wildlife habitat. 1,800 trees were sold with 20 rolls of fabric mulch. Two EQIP funded windbreaks were installed for a total of 4,700 feet of windbreak.
- Through increased education, five cooperators were convinced of the benefits of planting windbreaks and did so without funding.
- Gave away 100 trees and bushes to schoolchildren for planting at their homes to increase awareness of beneficial use of trees.
- Reduction of noxious weeds through Biological Weed control. Two new colonies are released each year in the district.



Three-year-old windbreak.

Conservation District Priority # 1 – Water Quality

- District Chairman represents the Mud Lake SWCD at all the WAG meetings.
- Assist in seeking financial assistance for water quality issues in our district.
- Supply information to diaries for clean water act information through direct mailings.

Conservation District Priority #2 - Conservation Windbreaks

- Maintain Windbreak at the Circular Butte Landfill
- Tree information and care is included in the newsletter published yearly
- Tree give away to school children with video promoting tree care and the benefits of trees to the air and land
- Tree sales held each spring. Assist in finding funding sources through the FSA, EQIP, and Fish and Game, and NRCS.

Conservation District Priority # 3 – Water Resources

- Sponsor Private applicator and chemigation workshop for credits in cooperation with other agencies
- Farm Bill information is included in the yearly newsletter sent out to 770 patrons of the district.
- Biological Bugs are placed in two locations each year and monitored on their success.
- Funding is given each year to the cooperative cloud seeding management group to promote moisture for our district.
- Technical assistance is given to farmers to implement Best management practices of water

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- Newsletter is published once a year and is sent to 770 patrons of the District.
- Assisted with funding for the Regional Soils/Land Judging contest
- Public outreach support for the Envirothon and Natural Resources Camp.
- District supports IASCD sponsored events.
- Annual funding support for cooperative cloud seeding program
- Participated in the Local Conservation Working Group Meeting. Help to obtain funding for ground water irrigated cropland for cooperators.
- Attendance in the RC&D program. RC&D information published in newsletter.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Each year we donate trees to the community to help beautify an existing building or landmark.
- Participate in the Continental Divide WAG and provide information to cooperators.
- Provide the community with the mulch laying machine and assistance with tree plantings

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners - to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
County	District Operations	\$ 4,000.00
State	District Operations	\$ 10,117.55
USDA Programs*	Conservation/EQIP	\$ 572,114.00

* Entire Jefferson County
Three Conservation Districts

Idaho Conservation Districts assisting landowners & operators with their conservation choices



Fish and Game Whip Project, Jefferson County, Mud Lake SWCD at the Circular Butte Landfill.